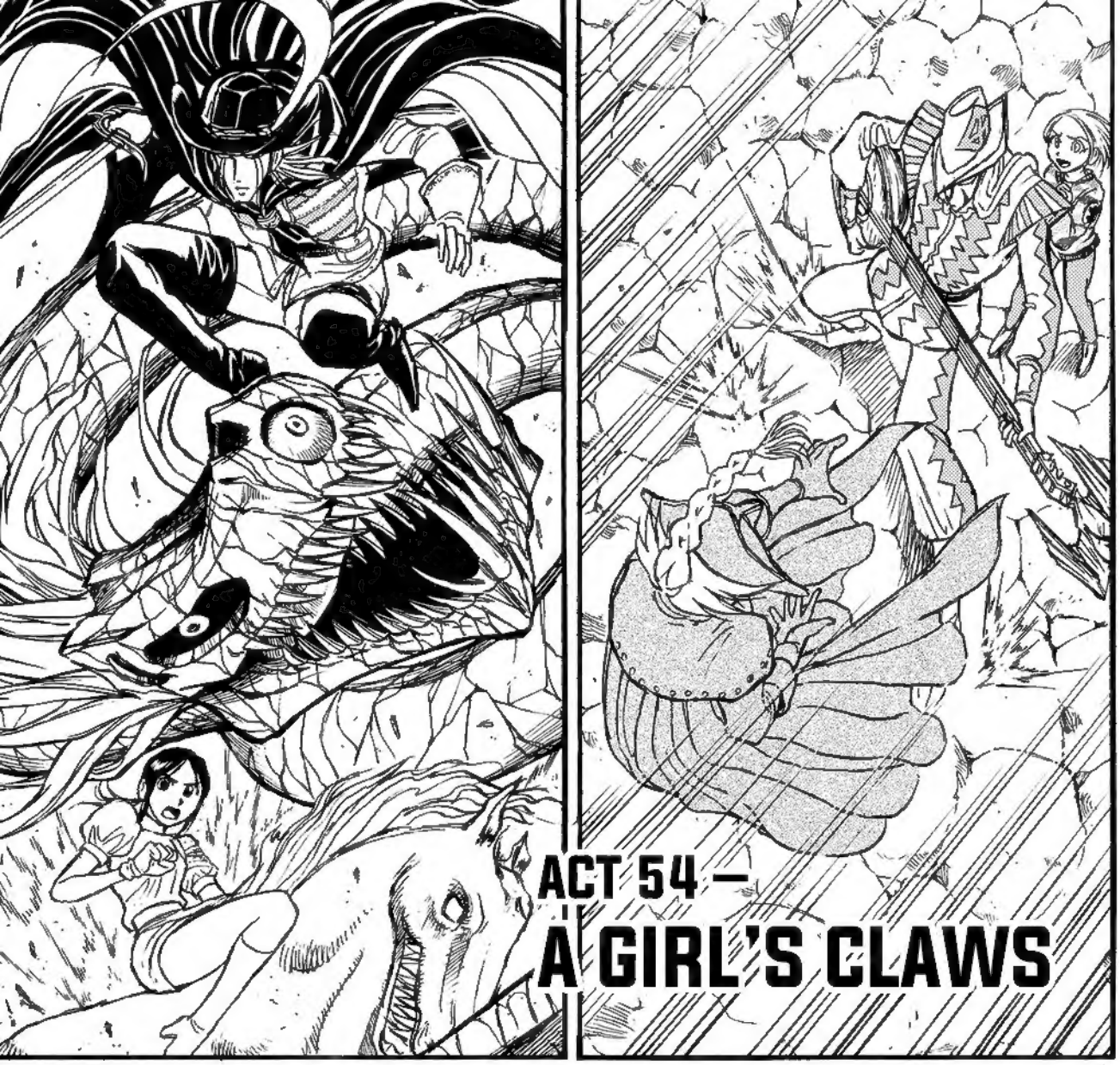

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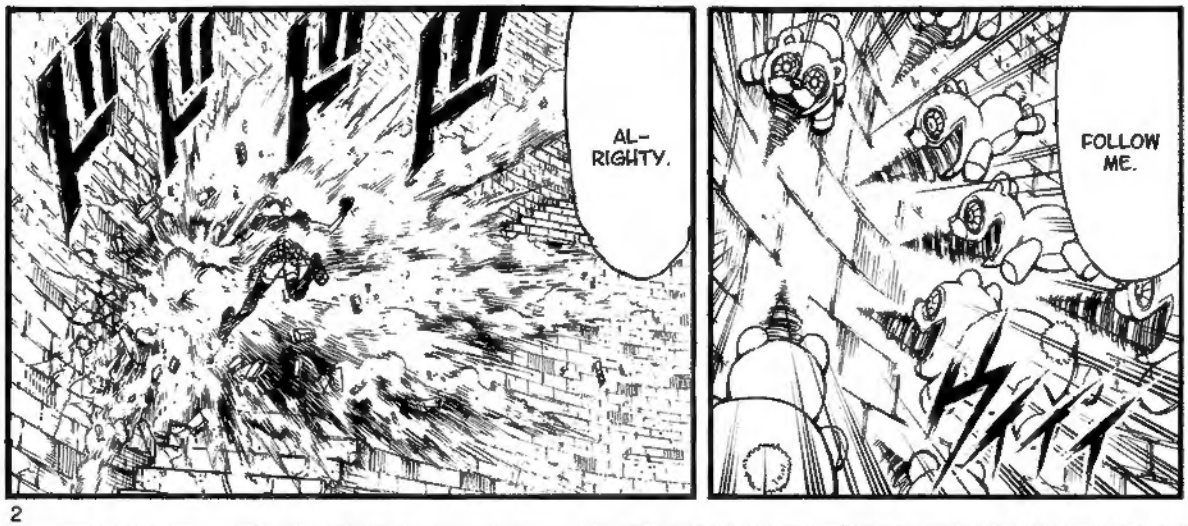
YOU SAID IT. THEN, LET'S GO ELSE-WHERE.
I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW YOUR REMAINS WOULD LOOK BETTER WITH A VIEW OF THE OCEAN.
YOU'RE RIGHT, DIAMAN-TINA.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AL-RIGHTY.
FOLLOW ME.
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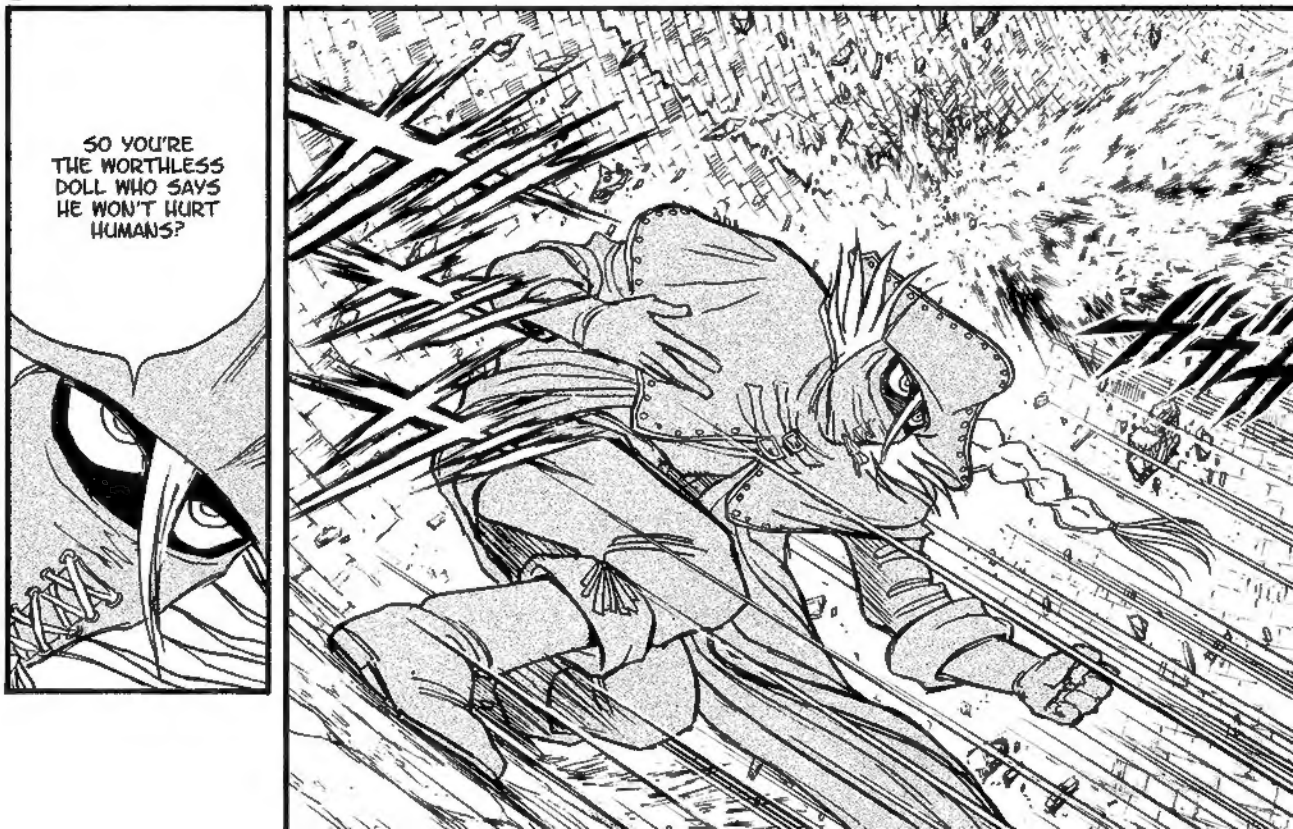
SO YOU'RE THE WORTHLESS DOLL WHO SAYS HE WON'T HURT HUMANS?

HUMAN GIRL, WHY DO YOU FIGHT DESPITE HAVING NO POWER AT ALL?
I CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE A DEATH WISH.
ARLEQUINO!
THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT LADY FRANCINE ORDERED ME TO DO.
I MUST OBEY.
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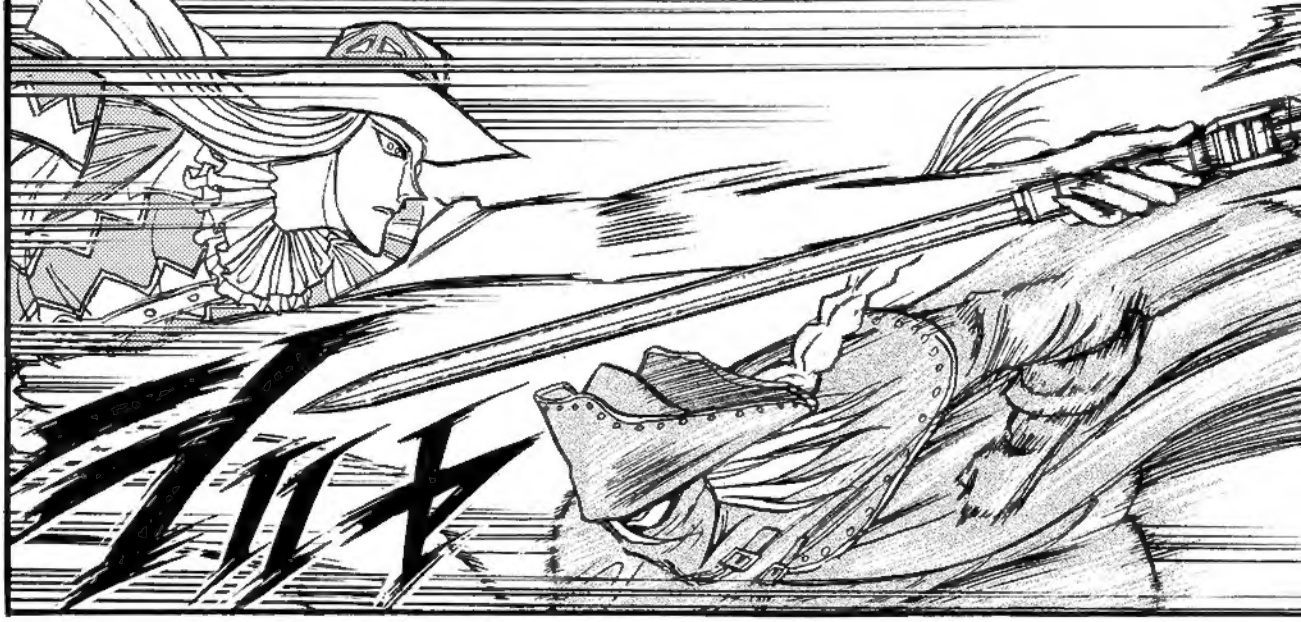
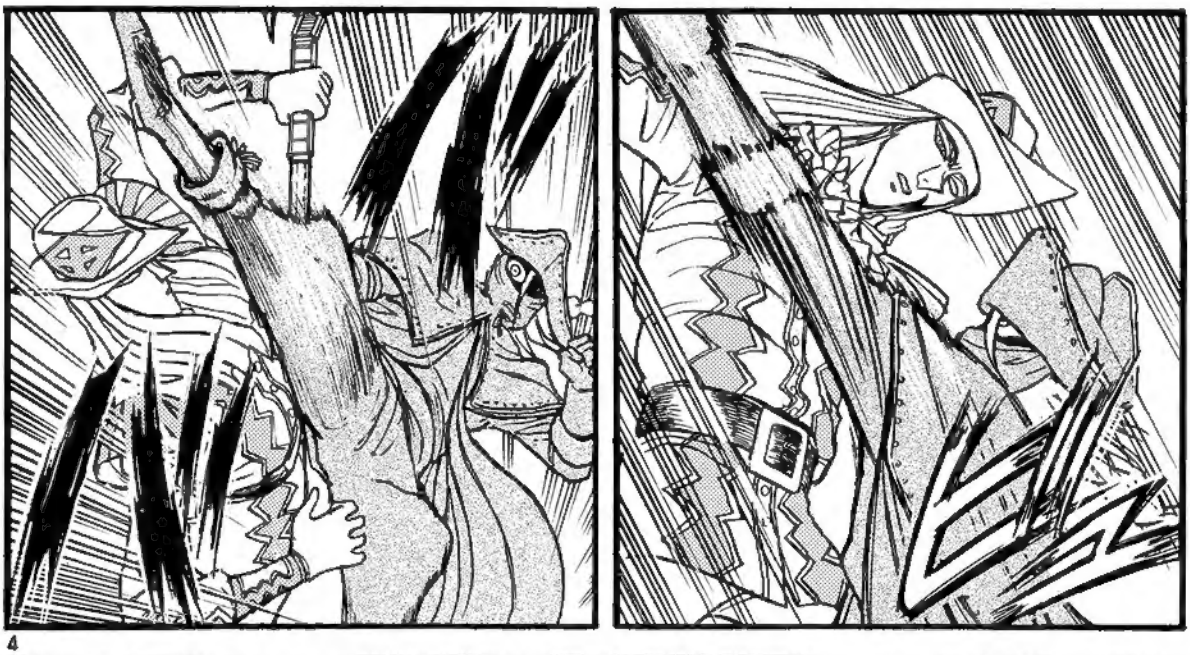
GYAH!
STAND BACK.
N-NO... I JUST...





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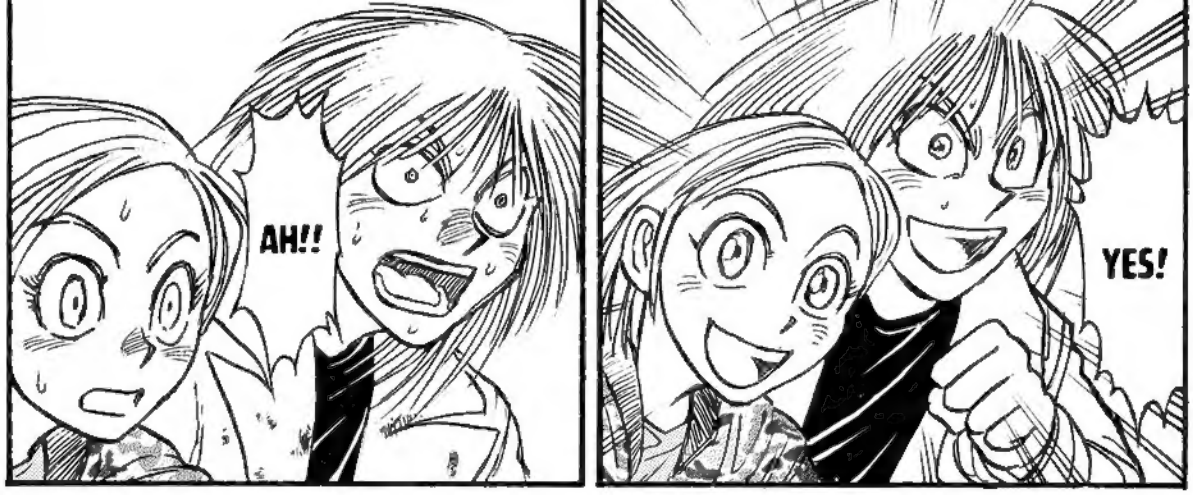
IT'S NOT OVER YET, LOOK!
HE GOT HIT...!
NOT BAD FOR AN OLD MODEL LIKE YOU...
I AM HONORED.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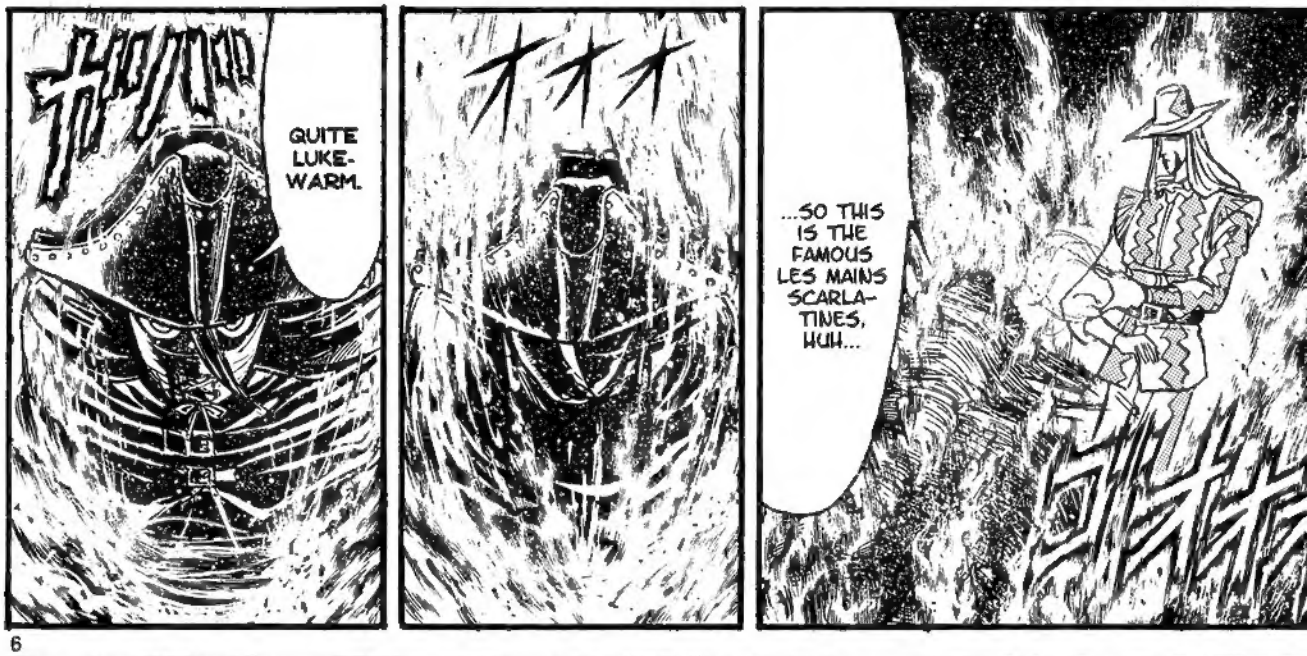
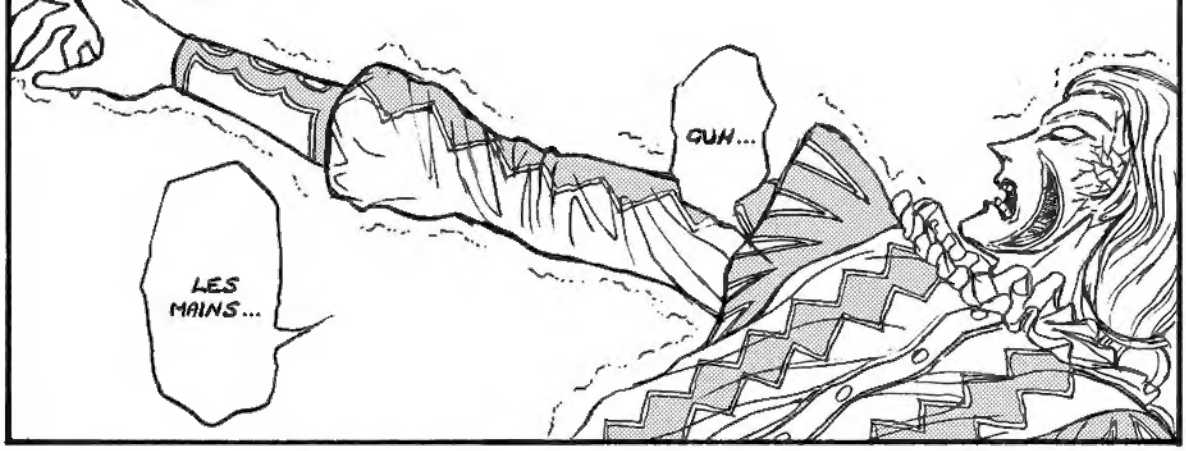
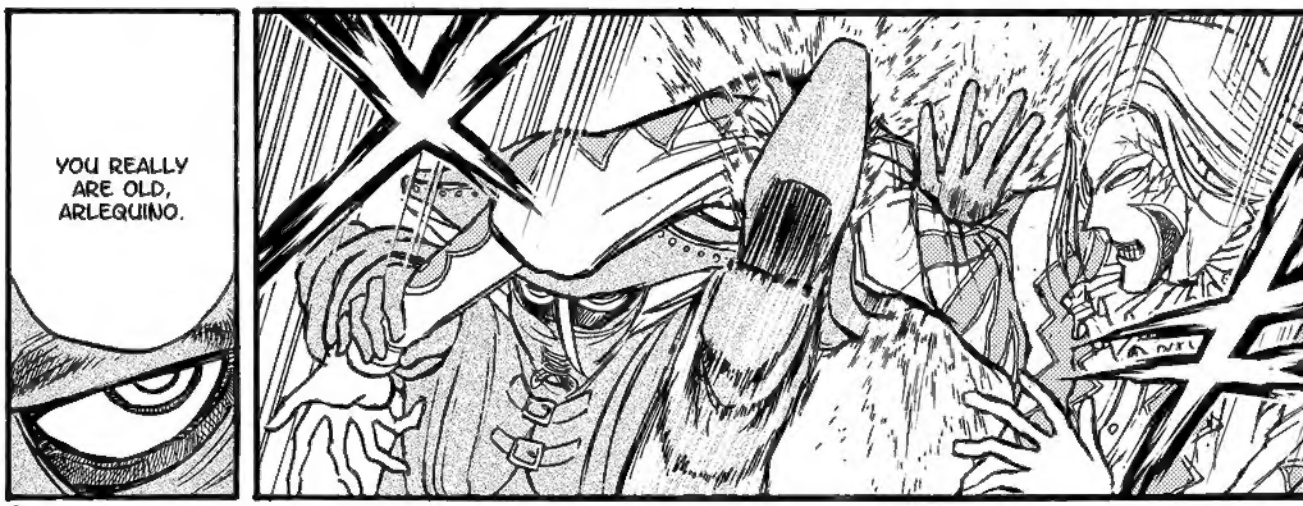
YES!


QUITE LUKE-WARM.
...SO THIS IS THE FAMOUS LES MAINS SCARLA-TINES, HUH...

SENPUU-KYAKU!

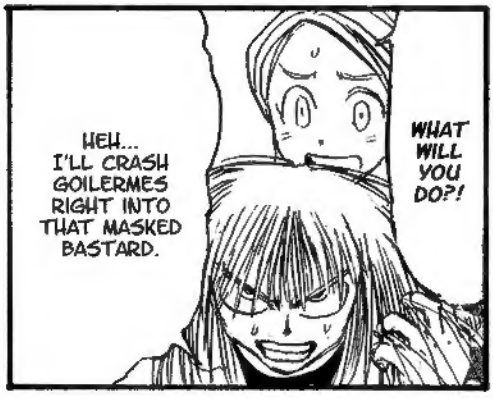
TESSA-SHOU.
IYA
SOUFUU-KANJI.

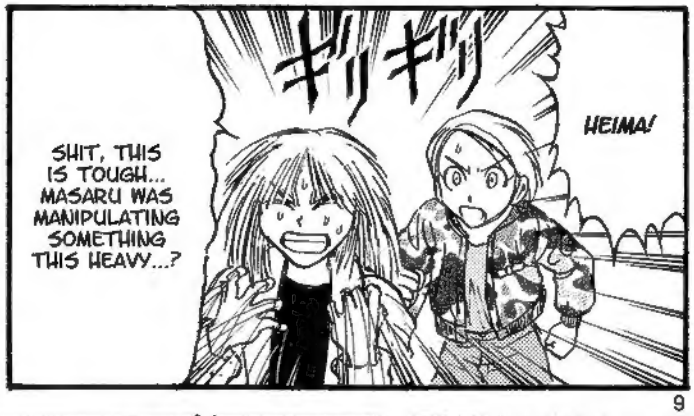

GUH...
LES MAINS...


YOU REALLY ARE OLD, ARLEQUINO.

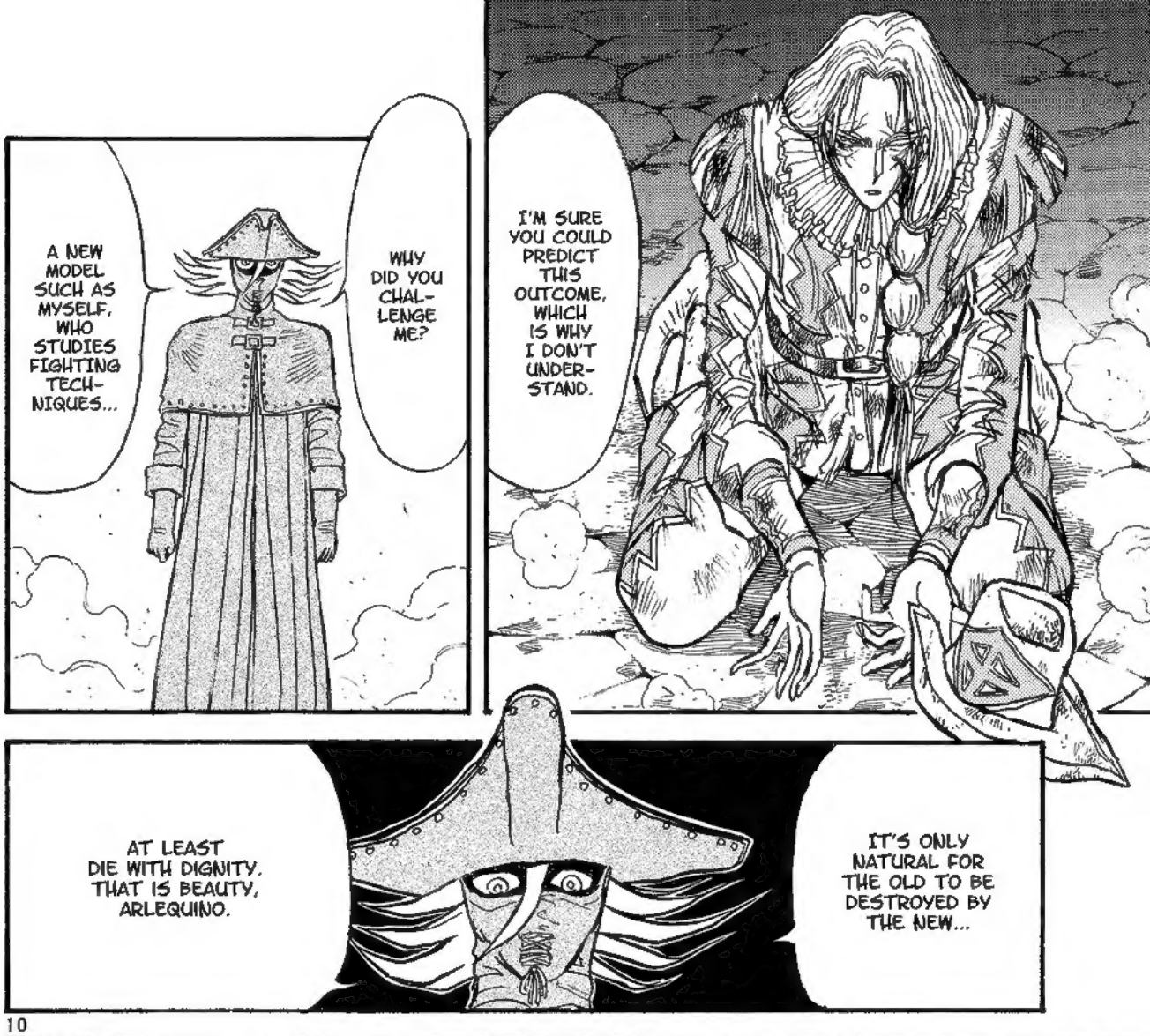
OH, NO... ARLEQUINO'S GOING TO LOSE...

NOT ON MY WATCH!


HEH... I'LL CRASH GOILERMES RIGHT INTO THAT MASKED BASTARD.
WHAT WILL YOU DO?!


SHIT, THIS IS TOUGH... MASARU WAS MANIPULATING SOMETHING THIS HEAVY...?
HEIMA!

HEIMA, I NEED A FAVOR.


A NEW MODEL SUCH AS MYSELF, WHO STUDIES FIGHTING TECH-NIQUES...
WHY DID YOU CHAL-LENGE ME?
I'M SURE YOU COULD PREDICT THIS OUTCOME, WHICH IS WHY I DON'T UNDER-STAND.
AT LEAST DIE WITH DIGNITY. THAT IS BEAUTY, ARLEQUINO.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR THE OLD TO BE DESTROYED BY THE NEW...

BUT THAT ONE CAN STILL AFFIRM THEIR OWN EXISTENCE, DESPITE KNOWING THEY'LL DIE...
HOWEVER, THAT HUMAN REJECTED IT.
THE BEAUTY OF DYING, HUH... A WHILE AGO, I SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT TOWARDS A HUMAN...
HE SAID THAT ONE IS NOT BEAUTIFUL BECAUSE ONE DIES.
WHAT?

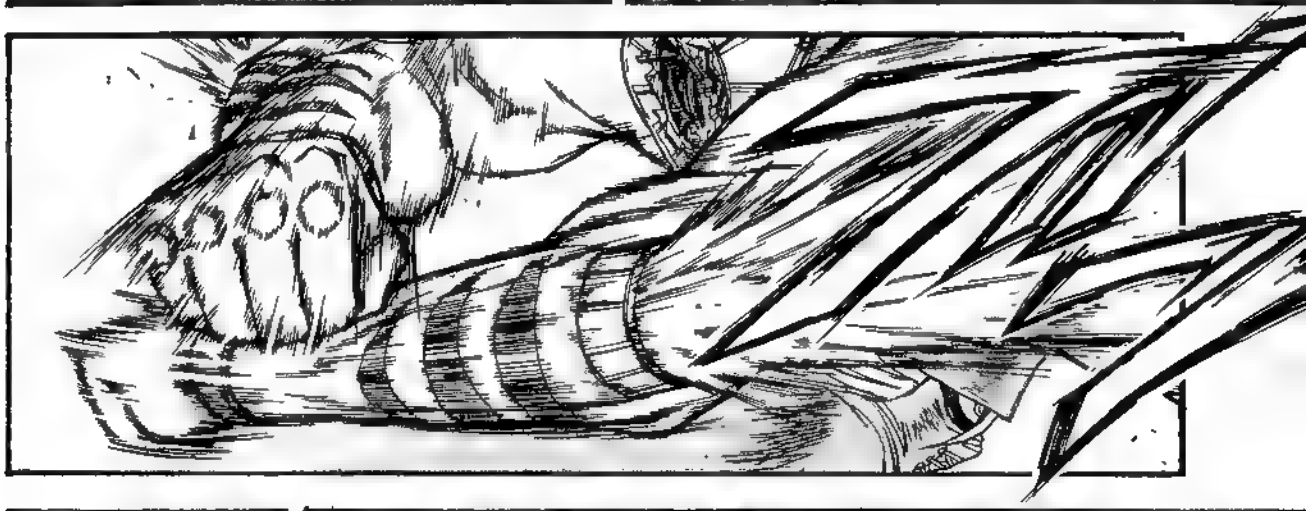
AND THAT CONDITION ITSELF IS BEAUTY...

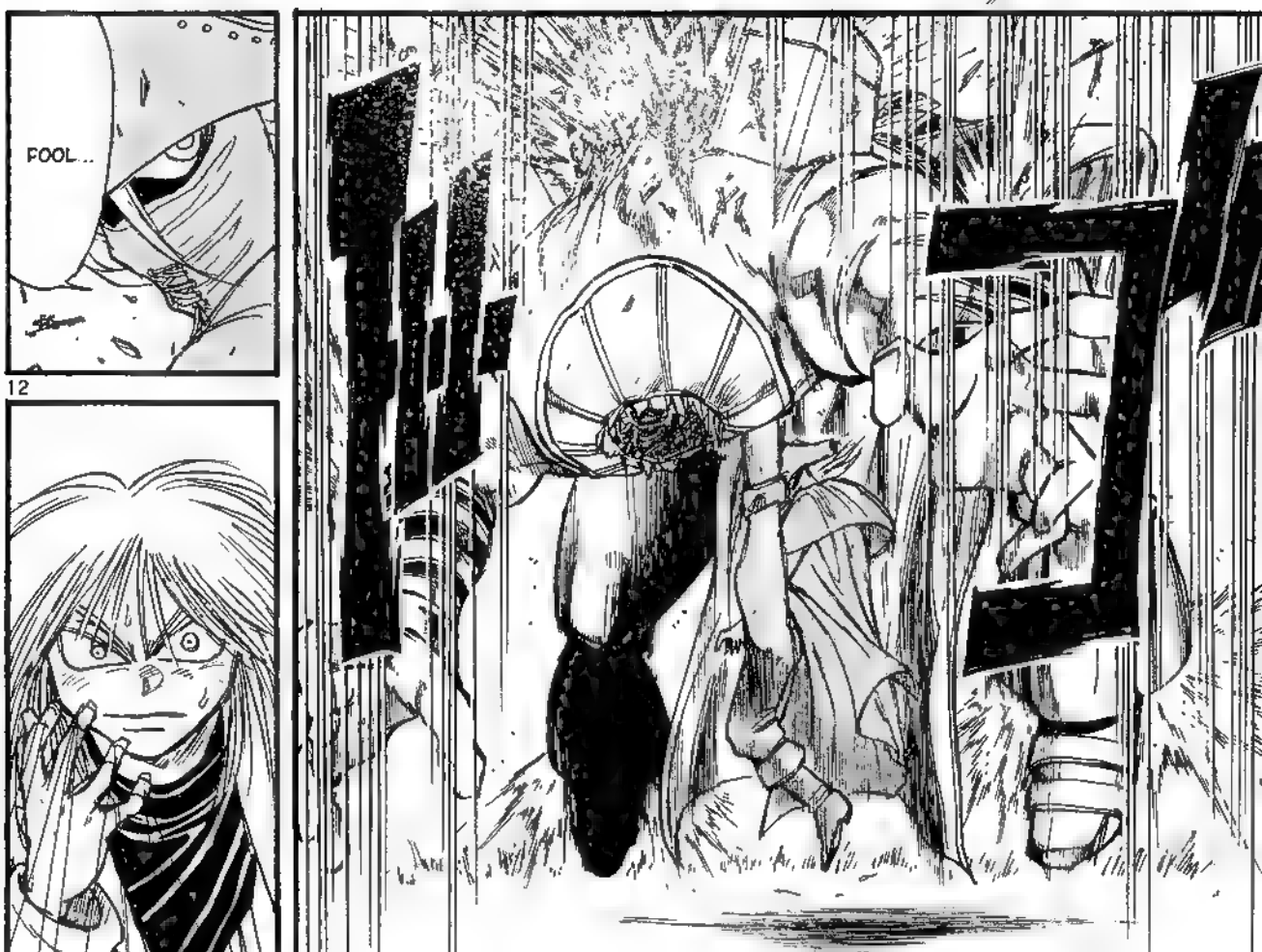
I'LL REMEMBER THAT.

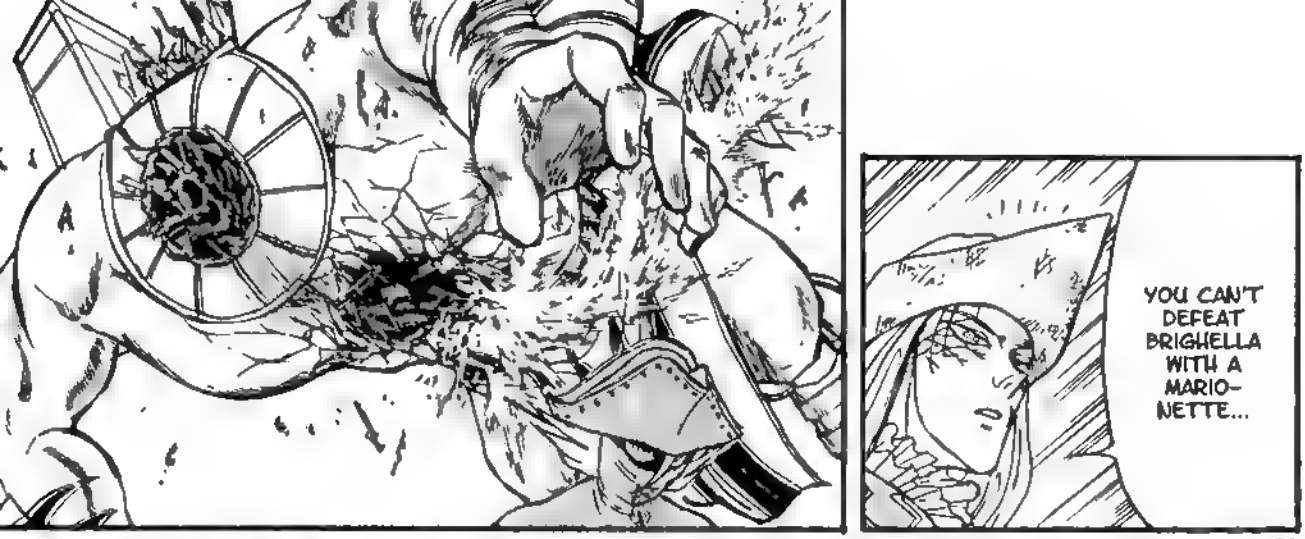
WHO WAS THAT HUMAN?

KATOU NARUMI.
SOMEONE MUCH STRONGER THAN YOU.

EAT
THIS!!



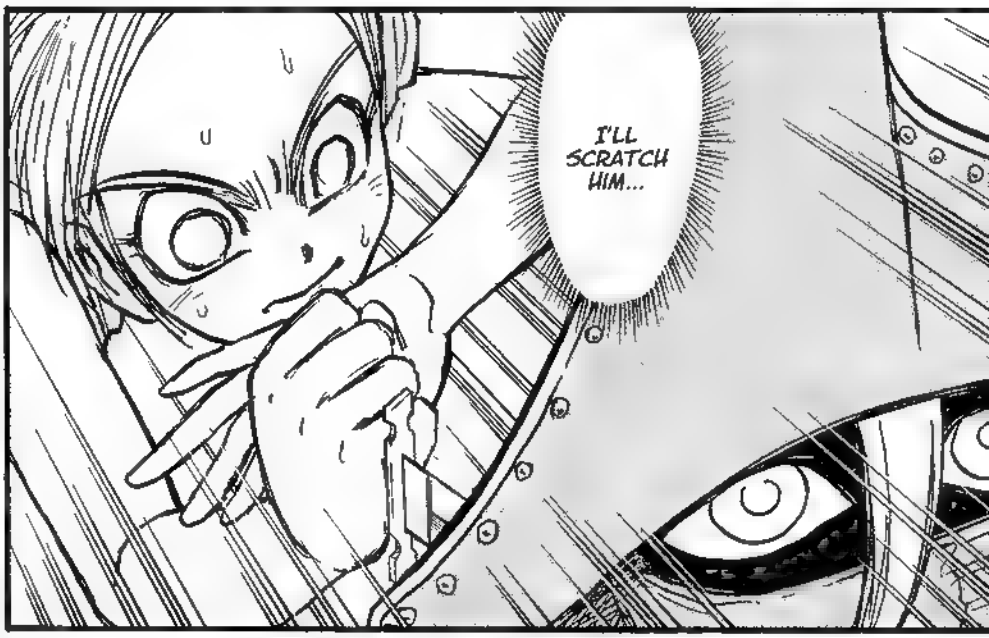

POOL...

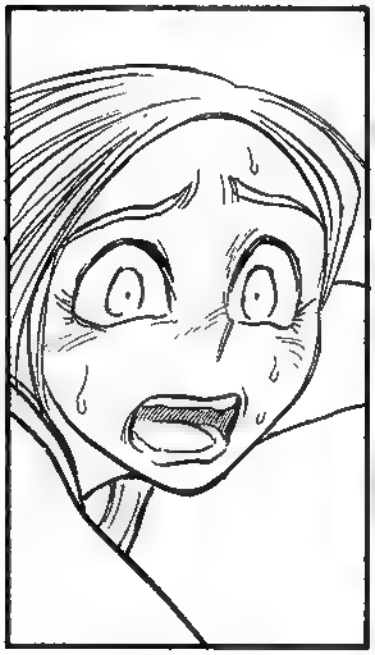

YOU CAN'T DEFEAT BRIGHELLA WITH A MARIO-NETTE...

GIRL!!
VILMA, LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!!

EVEN IF IT'S A LITTLE..
IT'S A KNIFE. SHOW THEM THAT EVEN SMALL WOMEN CAN SCRATCH IF THEY'RE UNDERESTIMATED.
HERE.

GO FOR IT, RYOUKO!!


I'LL SCRATCH HIM...



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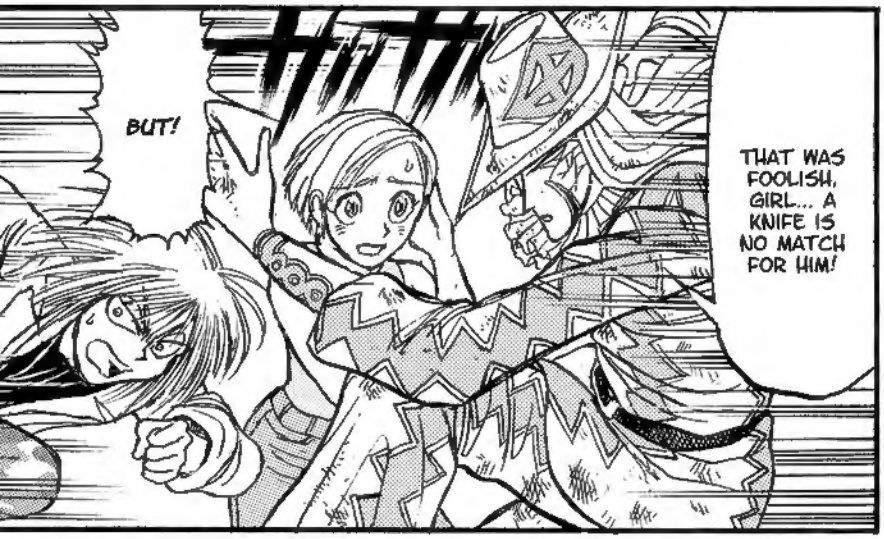
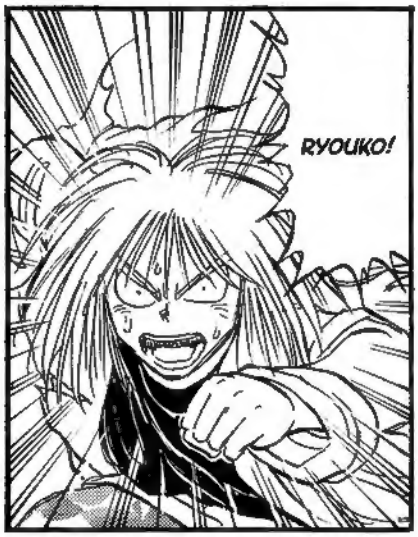
GUH ...!!


BUT!
THAT WAS FOOLISH, GIRL... A KNIFE IS NO MATCH FOR HIM!


RYOUKO!

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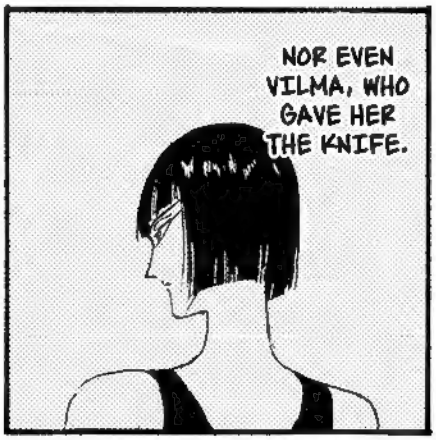
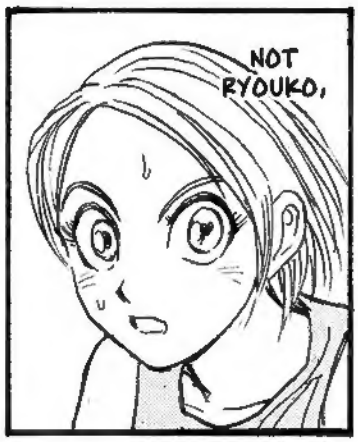
SUCH THING WILL NOT...
HM... THAT'S RIGHT, GIRL.

NO ONE KNEW ABOUT THIS.

THIS IS...
A FACT THAT ONLY THE KNIFE ITSELF KNEW...


NOR EVEN VILMA, WHO GAVE HER THE KNIFE.


NOT RYOUKO,

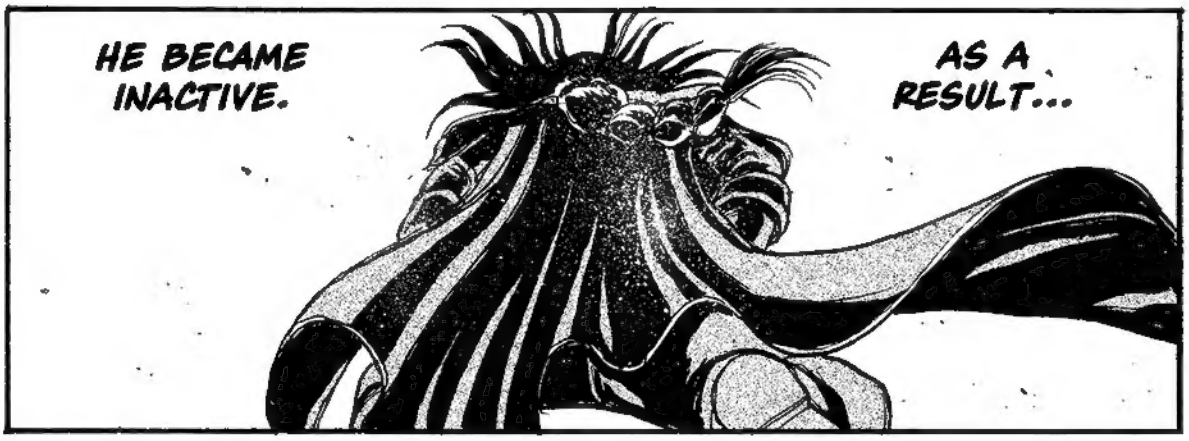
BUT SHIROGANE'S BLOOD WOULD STILL REMAIN SUPERFICIALLY.
VILMA WOULD LATER RETRIEVE, WASH, AND PUT OIL ON IT.

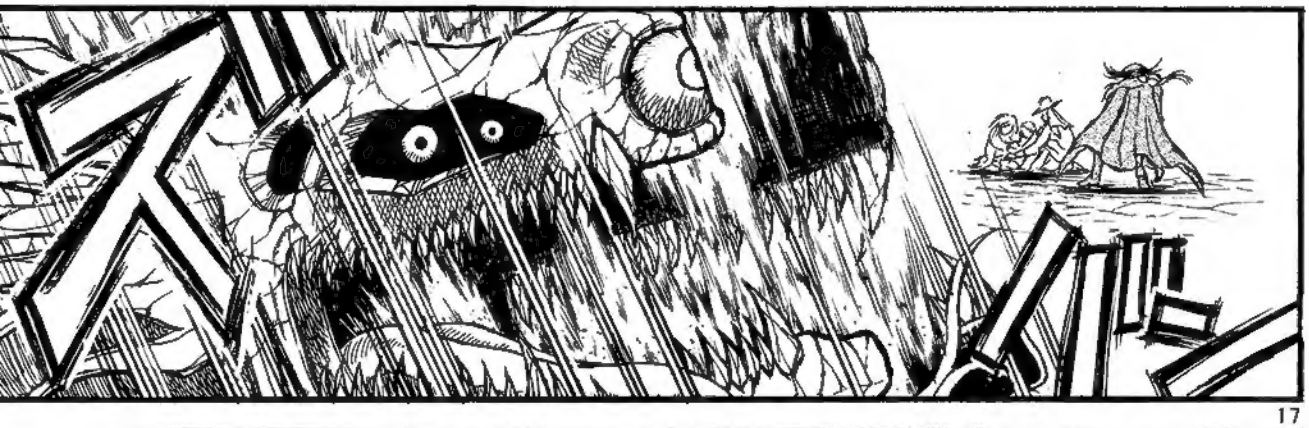
THAT KNIFE WAS ONE OF THE MANY THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY STABBED SHIROGANE.

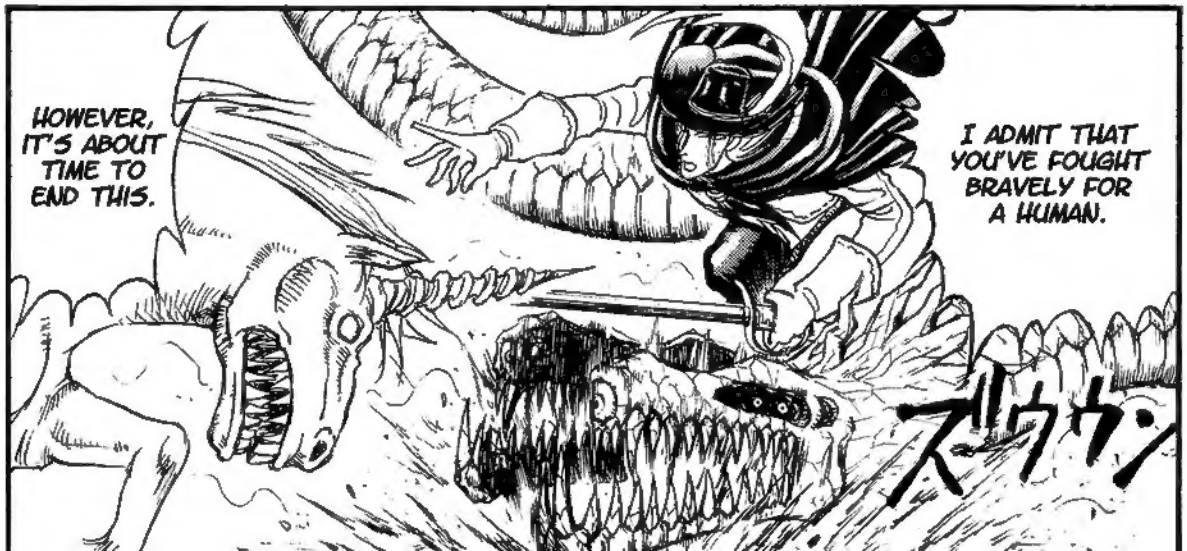
WHICH IS THE STONE THAT PRODUCES AQUA VITAE.
SHIROGANE CARRIES THE SOFT STONE IN HER BODY.

JUST NOW, THE EDGE OF THE BLADE ENTERED NO MORE THAN 8 MILLIMETERS INTO BRIGHELLA'S BODY.
HER BLOOD CAUSES THE DESTRUCTION OF THE AUTOMATA'S BODY FLUIDS.

...MADE SHIROGANE'S CONCENTRATED BLOOD PENTRATE BRIGHELLA'S BODY...
THE 8 MILLILITERS FROM THAT SCRATCH...
WHAT... IS THIS ...?


HE BECAME INACTIVE.
AS A RESULT...




HOWEVER, IT'S ABOUT TIME TO END THIS.
I ADMIT THAT YOU'VE FOUGHT BRAVELY FOR A HUMAN.
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WELL,
YOUNG
LADY!